

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1968

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Gahagan House

and/or common Gahagan House (preferred)

**2. Location**

street & number 1027 Main Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Darlington

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Harford

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas and Georgette Carr

street & number 1027 Main Street

telephone no.:

city, town Darlington

state and zip code Maryland 21034

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

liber 1127

street & number 101 Main Street

folio 881

city, town Belair

state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title NONE

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Gahagan House is located on the east side of MD Route 161,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the intersection with MD Route 440 within the village of Darlington, Maryland. It is situated on a level  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre lot. There is also a spring/pump house and a two car garage with an apartment located on this property.

The main house has not been significantly altered since it's construction in 1939. It is of frame construction on a rock-faced cement block foundation. It is presently sheathed in aluminum siding over the original siding of unknown composition. It is rectangular in form. It is two stories in height with four steeply pitched gable ends. It also has a central chimney. The roof is presently covered with asphalt shingles. There are some Arts and Crafts details original to the house which will be noted later.

The front or west facade is three bays wide on the first floor, with a centrally located triple window in the gable on second floor. There is a single story porch with a hip roof across the length of this facade. The most prominent feature on this facade is a triple windowed bay projection to the left of the asymeterically placed eight paned French door. The top quarter of the center window of the bay has a cross-hatched pattern. This pattern is also noted on a smaller square non-opening window to the right of the entrance. The eaves on this facade, as well as the north and south gable ends have small brackets. Also noted is a vent roof type feature across the top half of the gable on this facade and those on the north and south ends. These decorative features are found on the Arts and Crafts style houses.

The south facade features three asymmetrical fenestrations. On the first floor a 1/1 window is located approximately two thirds of the distance from the west facade. There is a small square non-opening window with a cross-hatched pattern located near the top of the first story. This corresponds with a stairway landing. On the second story there is a single 1/1 narrow window centrally located in the gable end.

The rear or east facade features a covered porch with entry door and a 1/1 window. There is also a single similar window centrally located on the first story, along with two similar symetrically spaced windows on the second. There is a casement type vent in the peak of this gable.

The north facade is fenestrated with five windows similar to others in this house. Three of these are in a hip-roofed bay approximately midpoint on first floor facade. The second floor has two similar windows in the gable.

The interior floor plan is a side hall with double parlor. The main entrance is from the west facade. The stairs rise in the entry along the west wall to a landing, then along the south wall to second landing and then northward to the upstairs central hall. The staircase is open with closed stringers and turned ballisters. There is a cross-hatched patterned window at each landing.

The room east of this entry is used as a kitchen. It has been modernized with replacement cabinetry. There are five doorways in this room, one each to back porch, cellar stairs, pantry, dining room and entry 11.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1939

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Gahagan House is a fine example of first half Twentieth Century vernacular housing. It features some Arts and Crafts details, i.e. cross-hatched pattern windows, pent roofs and small decorative brackets in the gable ends.

It was built during the summer of 1939, by Cloy Gahagan and his wife, Pauline. They purchased the land from Walter E. Selfe and his wife, M. Elizabeth in May 1939. The land consisted of one acre and was part of a larger parcel that the Selfes had annexed by the village of Darlington in 1928.

It is presently located in a neighborhood of similar houses of both Arts and Crafts, and late Victorian styles. The present owners, Thomas and Georgette Carr purchased the house in 1980 from the Gahagans.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Interview with Georgette Carr, present owner of 1027 Main Street,  
Darlington, Maryland

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .5

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and  
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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

The pantry is located to the rear of kitchen and dining room. The dining room is located to the north of the kitchen and features a triple window bay on the north side with a door to the kitchen and to a small den next to the pantry. The west side of the dining room has a wide archway with two square columns. This archway separates the dining room and living room. The living room also features a triple bay on the west wall along with a single 1/1 window on the north wall. All floors a narrow tongue and groove oak, with the exception of tile in kitchen and pantry. Door and window surrounds are plain and are original to the house.

There is a central hall on the second floor running east and west with a trapdoor access to an attic which is unfinished. Radiating off from the hall are three bedrooms and a bath. The bedrooms are located in the west, east and north gabled ends. They are all approximately the same size with closets being located under the eaves. The bath room is located in the south side gable end and contains the original ceramic tile. The fixtures are not original.

The cellar is the full size of the exterior dimensions of the house. It is plastered, but shows no evidence of being used for anything other than a cellar. It can be accessed by both an exterior stairway on the east and stairs from the kitchen.

There is a wood sheathed pump/spring house to the rear of the main house. It has a slate roof which is felt to be original. The interior is spartan with a concrete floor. There is also a two car garage with an attached apartment. These are of framework construction with asbestos siding and were not further surveyed.

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CHAIN OF TITLE

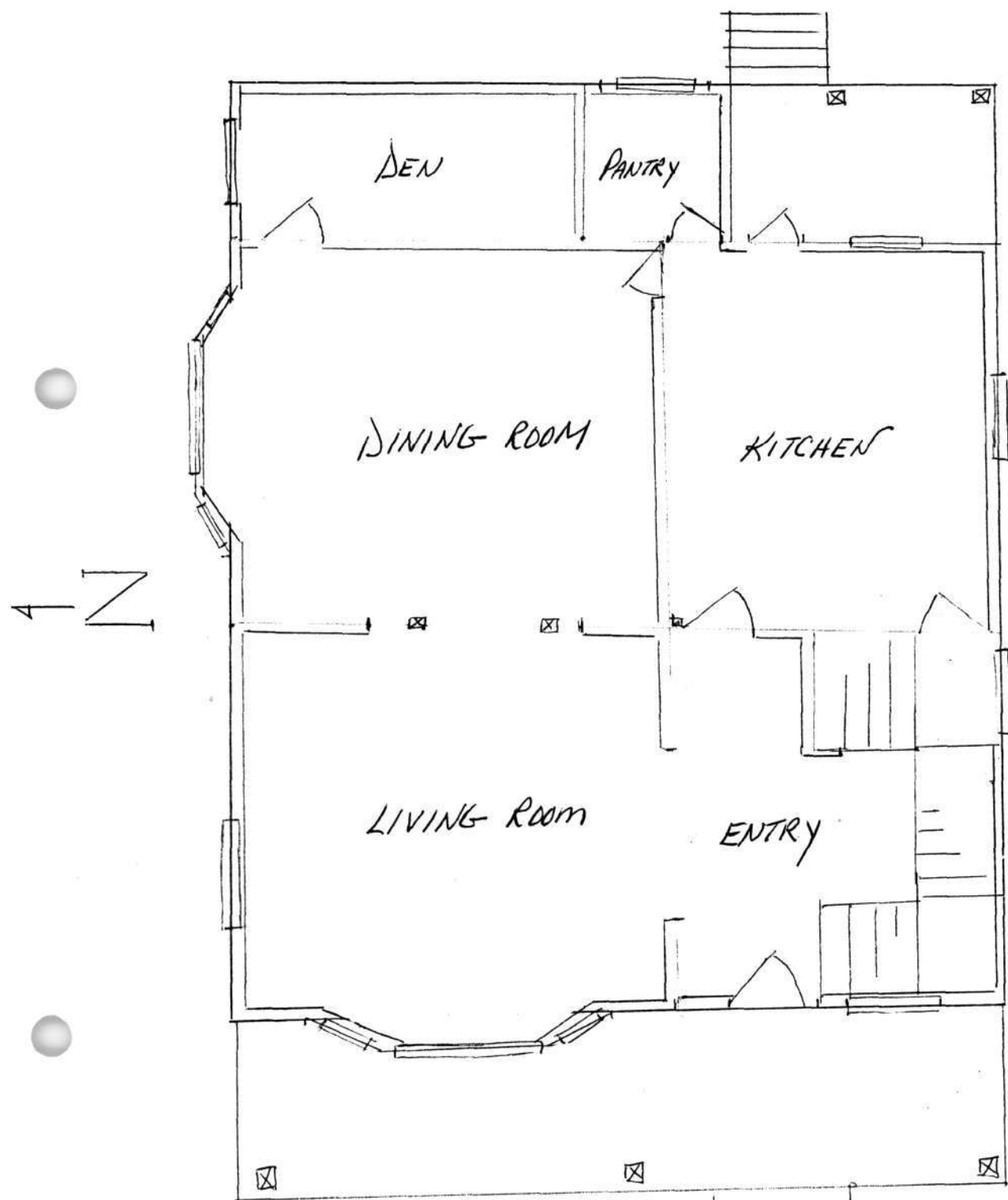
GAHAGAN HOUSE

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO
Thomas & Georgette Carr (wife)	Cloy & Pauline Gahagan	9/12/80	1127	881
Cloy & Pauline Gahagan	Walter & M.Elizabeth Selfe	5/16/39	255	410
Walter & M.Elizabeth Selfe	Stanley Spencer	2/6/25	191	346

The above chain of title was based on those land records available in the courthouse of Harford County, located in Belair, Maryland.

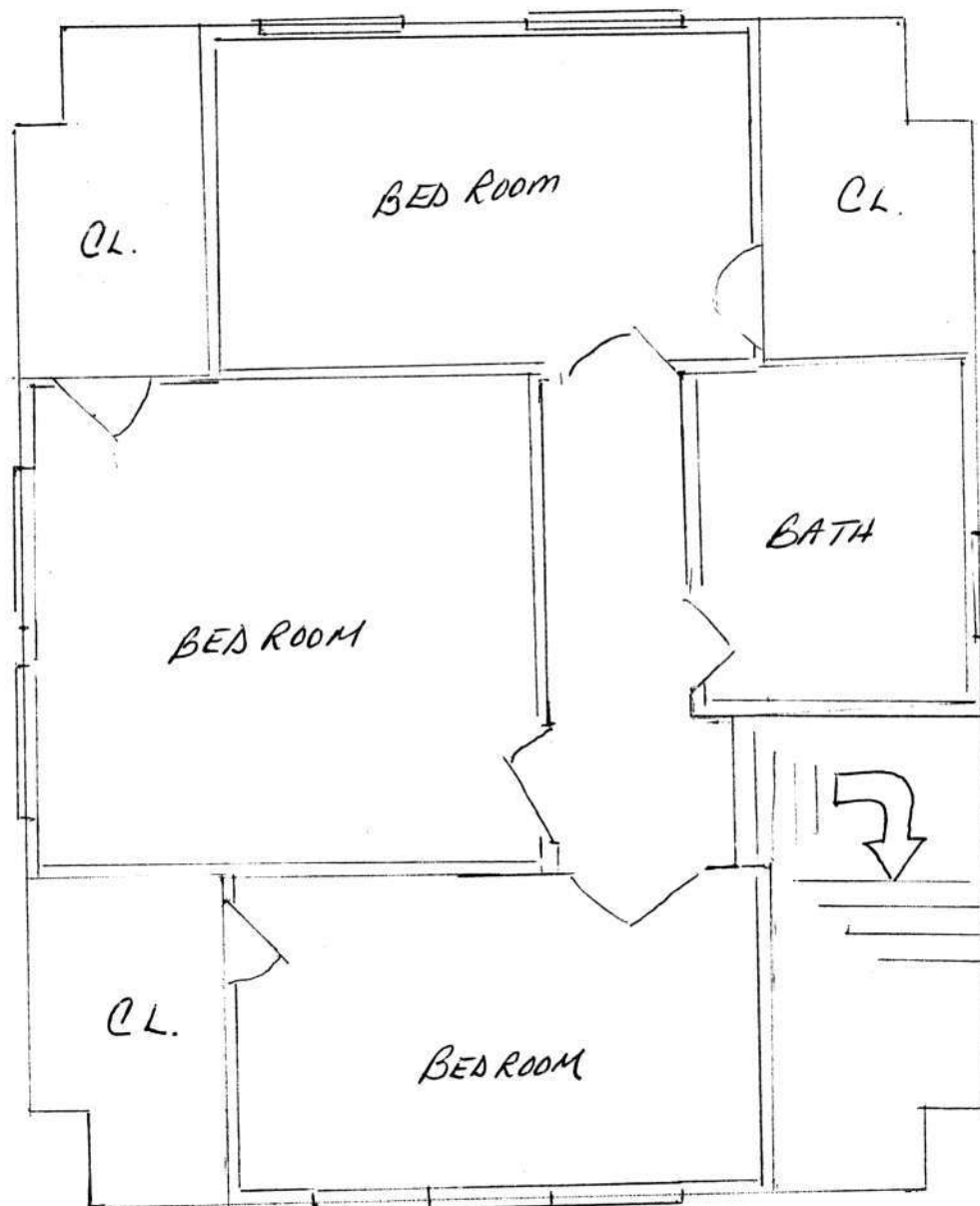


FIRST FLOOR PLAN: 1027 MAIN ST. DARLINGTON, MD.



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SECOND FLOOR PLAN : 1021 MAIN ST. DARLINGTON, MD.

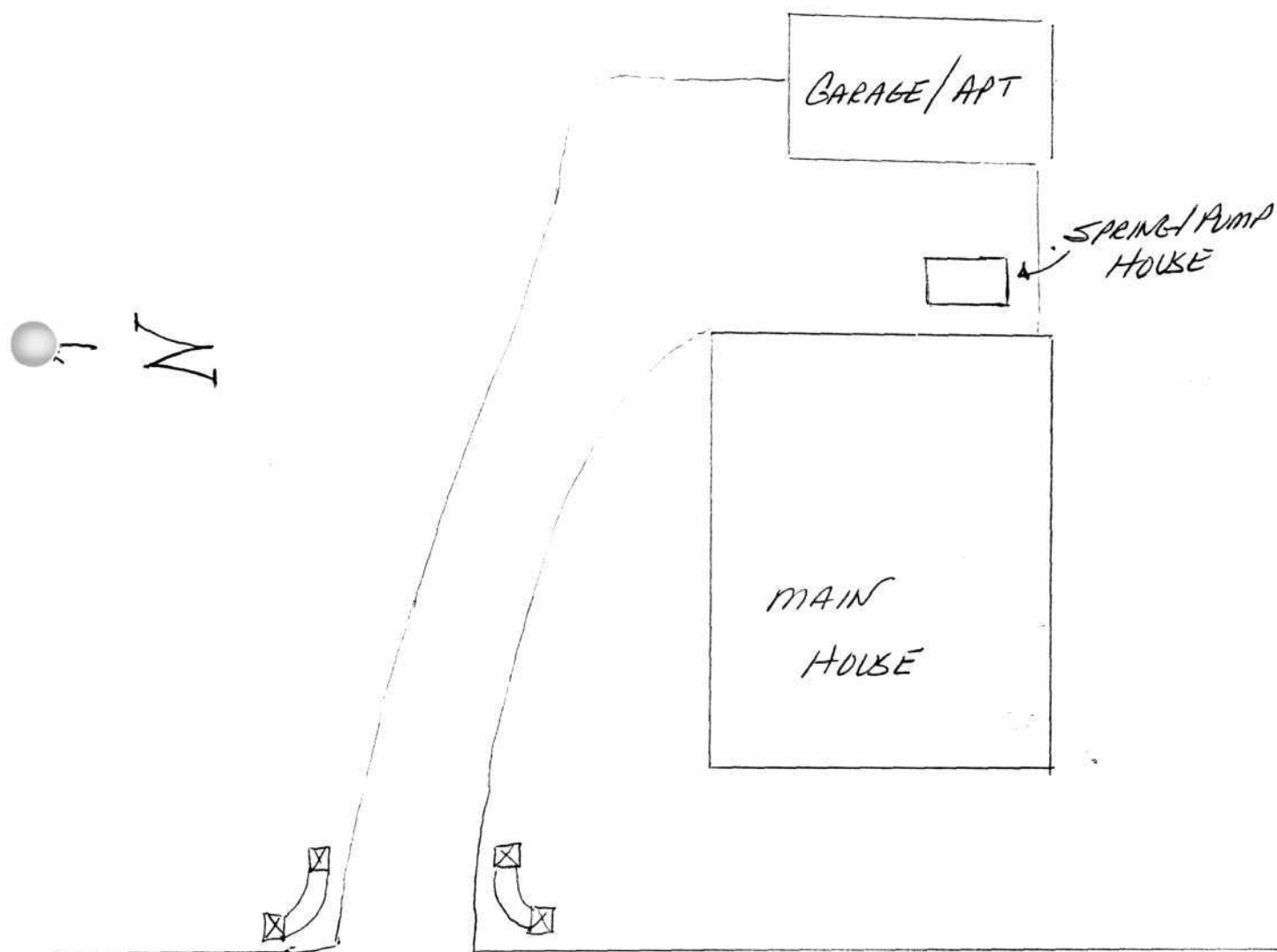


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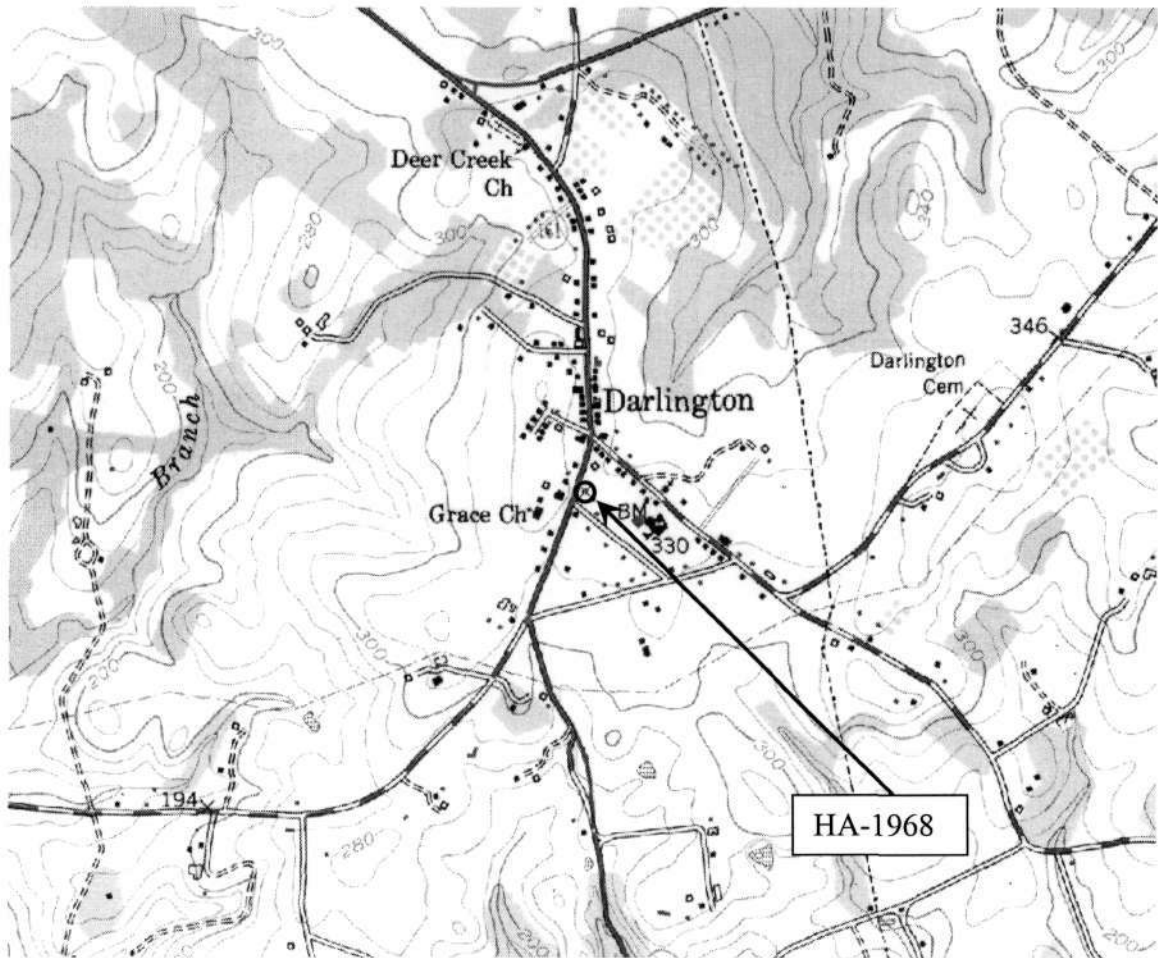


SITE PLAN: 1027 MAIN ST. DARLINGTON, MD.



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1027 DARLINGTON RD



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SOUTH FACADE

1027 MAIN ST.

DARLINGTON MD





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DARLINGTON MD



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NORTH FACADE

1027 MAIN ST

DARLINGTON, MD



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WINDOW DETAIL  
OF

WEST FACADE BAY



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CHIMNEY DETAIL

1027 MAIN ST.  
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STAIRWAY DETAIL

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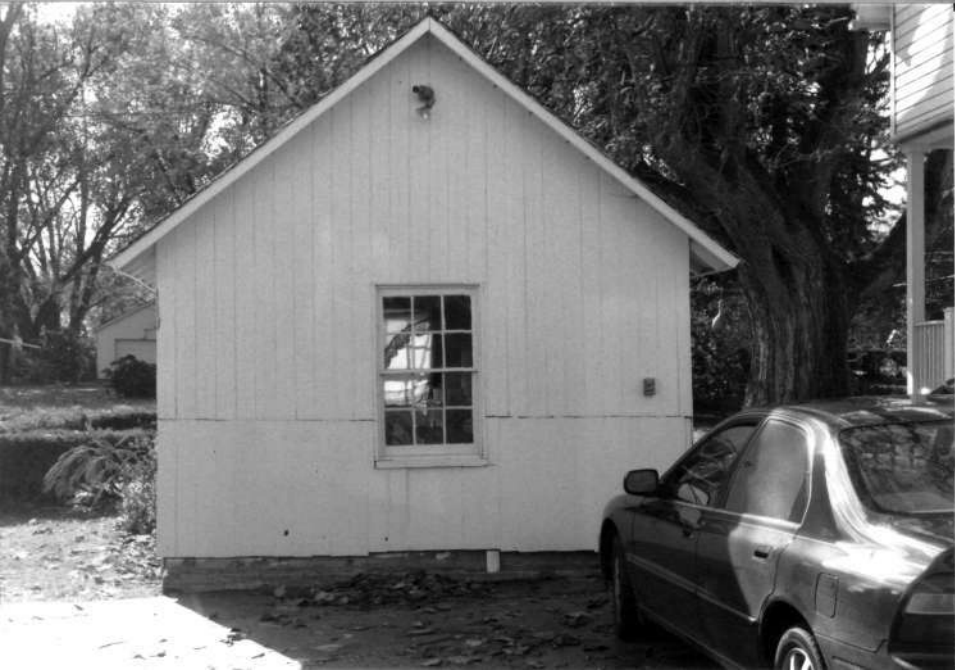
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ORIGINAL TILE - BATH

1027 MAIN ST  
DARLINGTON, MS



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CELLAR DETAIL

1027 MAIN ST  
DARLINGTON, NH



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RMP/SPRING HOUSE

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MAIN ST

DARLINGTON. MI



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EAVE DETAIL: BRACKETS

1027 MAIN ST.

DARLINGTON MD.





EAST FACADE - HA-1968

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Darlington, MD



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